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Tasmanian woodchip production falls

According to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Tasmanian woodchipping production in the March quarter 2001 fell, from that recorded for the December quarter 2000.

There were 1,236,400 tonnes of woodchips produced in the March quarter 2001, 13.0% less than the figure recorded for the December quarter 2000. This is also a decrease of 5.5% from the March quarter 2000.

The March quarter 2001 figures showed 1,177,945 cubic metres of logs were delivered to mills for woodchipping, 2.2% more than in the March quarter of 2000.

Log deliveries to sawmills and plywood mills for the March quarter 2001 totalled 205,629 cubic metres, a decrease of 4.5% compared to the same period in 2000.

The overall sawmilling output of timber was 81,202 cubic metres, a 6.7% decrease compared to the same quarter in 2000. Hardwood sawn timber production decreased by 1.0% to 38,723 cubic metres and softwood timber production (42,479 cubic metres) also decreased 11.3% from the same period in 2000.

The total volume of logs delivered to sawmills and woodchip mills in Tasmania during the March quarter 2001 was 1,383,574 cubic metres, an increase of 1.2% on the previous March quarter. Logs from crown land accounted for 60.2% of this total.

Further details can be found in **Tasmanian Statistical Indicators** (cat. no.1303.6), available from ABS bookshops. This publication also contains information addressing areas such as population, births, deaths, marriages, employment and unemployment, wages and prices, production statistics, building, finance, trade, retail sales, tourism and motor vehicle registrations.

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